

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
DECEMBER 18, 1990

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 1990, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present:	Ms. Jeannet Boston	Mr. Tom Childs
	Mr. Paul Breazeale	Ms. Jean-Marie Hill
	Mr. Robert Breeden	Dr. Barbara Ricks
	Mr. Amos Bridges	Ms. Nell Rogers

Dr. Wesley Burkhardt and Mr. Lanny Monroe were absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barbara Ricks, Chair.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. Mr. Amos Bridges gave the invocation.

B. Dr. Ricks recognized the following persons in attendance:

Dr. McKinley Martin, Dr. Billy Thames, Dr. Clarence Roberts,
Dr. Worth Haynes, Mr. Elwyn Wheat, Ms. Susan Donohue,
Dr. Eddie Smith, Ms. Bethe Williams, Ms. Kathy Hayden,
Ms. Marilyn Beach, and Ms. Frankie White.

C. On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden, the minutes of the November 15, 1990 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

D. On a motion by Mr. Bob Breeden, seconded by Ms. Jean-Marie Hill, the agenda was adopted.

III. FOLLOW-UP

A. Mr. Bill Bunch explained the difference between vocational and technical programs.

a. A vocational program is designed to allow the student to earn a basic entry-level skill for the job market. Vocational programs vary in length and time. Upon completion of a vocational program, a vocational certificate is awarded.

b. A technical program is designed to allow the student to earn a basic entry-level skill for the job market and includes general education courses in the curriculum. Upon completion of a technical program, an associate of applied science degree is awarded.

B. Dr. Olon Ray reported that request for information on cost for offering lower division courses had not been received, and a final report on this item was not given.

III. FOLLOW-UP (continued)

- C. Dr. Larry Day reported that the request for a summary of feedback information would be distributed at the same time of the final draft of the revised standards.

IV. INFORMATION

- A. Dr. McKinley Martin reported on the following:

--Legislative luncheon sponsored by MACJC and the Faculty Association

--The need for bringing all community college employees into the state health insurance program.

--Dr. Martin emphasized the need for funding vocational programs and the importance of these programs.

On behalf of the Board and staff, the Chair congratulated Coahoma and Southwest on the reaffirmation of accreditation by SACS.

- B. No information on Learning Resources was given at this time.

- C. Standing Committees

01. Finance: On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden, the Board approved the January disbursement for Fund 2292 - Aid to Colleges in the amount of \$5,060,425.00.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Ms. Jeannet Boston, the Board congratulated Coahoma for the progress made on financial recordkeeping and reporting system, and voted unanimously to no longer require Coahoma to make a bimonthly progress report to the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Bob Breeden, seconded by Ms. Nell Rogers, the Board approved a transfer of \$30,000.00 of H.B. 3 bond funds from a dormitory renovation project to a cafeteria renovation and addition project at Holmes Community College.

A status report on H.B. 3 bond projects by institutions and project was presented.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Ms. Jean-Marie Hill, the Board unanimously approved (pending authorization from the Attorney General's Office) the payment of \$1,043.46 (the Board's pro rata share) for directors and officers' liability insurance premium for the EdNet Board. A discussion was held on the personal and official liability of state board members. By request, the minutes reflect the following clarification of the liability of the EdNet Board and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Ms. Frankie White, Assistant Attorney General, explained that the creation of the EdNet Board and the SBCJC are different. The EdNet Board is a Mississippi nonprofit educational corporation and SBCJC is a statutorial board created by the Mississippi

IV. INFORMATION (continued)

C. Standing Committees (continued)

Legislature. Ms. White further explained that the extension of sovereign immunity on a yearly basis by the legislature gives protection to state board members in their official capacity.

02. Planning: Mr. Paul Breazeale reported that an adjustment of 325 students less in the enrollment report for the end of the first six weeks had been made. This report required no action.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Mr. Amos Bridges, the Board unanimously approved the board room proposal.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Ms. Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously approved the automobile acquisition proposal.

After a lengthy discussion on the implementation of a Board policy manual, a motion offered by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Ms. Jeannet Boston, authorized the Executive Director to return the unused funds for the executive search to the Phil Hardin Foundation and simultaneously request funding of the board policy manual first and second, the board retreat with dispatch. Motion carried.

03. Legislative: Mr. Paul Breazeale reported that the Legislative Committee discussed four items none of which requires Board action.

- Review of funding formula
- Proposed legislative bill on proprietary schools
- Ten cent tax on sporting event tickets
- State health insurance plan for community colleges

D. Ad Hoc Committees

01. Vocational-Technical: Mr. Bob Breeden reported that the Vocational-Technical Ad Hoc Committee would meet with the State Board of Education on Thursday, December 20, and then referred to Dr. Olon Ray for additional comments. Dr. Ray reported that he had followed the request of the committee chairman to write Mr. Elwyn Wheat informing him that the Board needed a written request stating the actions required of the Board for compliance of the Carl Perkins Act. Dr. Ray stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Wheat requesting the Board to consider the sequential numbering system of vocational-technical programs and to consider looking at duplication of class offerings.

Dr. Ray further stated that it would take weeks to ferret out all the information as to what the Carl Perkins Act requires.

02. Project 95: Dr. Ray reported that IHL Board had approved

IV. INFORMATION (continued)

C. Standing Committees (continued)

02. Project 95

a significant change in Project 95 in the area of college admission requirements. Requirements may be met by earning two Carnegie units from the following areas/courses:

Foreign Languages
World Geography
4th year lab based Science
4th year Mathematics

One of the two units must be in Foreign Language or World Geography.

Dr. Ray stated that a combination of two units offers greater diversity. A great emphasis is being placed on improving academics, and Dr. Ray stated that he encourages the State Department of Education to consider using a criterion for public secondary schools which would give special acknowledgement to schools in which a greater percent of students are enrolled in core curriculum.

Dr. Ray concluded this report by informing the Board that recommendations requiring State Board action would be presented in the January meeting.

03. Advisory Committee on Revised Standards: Dr. Clarence Roberts gave a progress report on the revised standards project. He stated that the Advisory Committee had three purposes which are in accordance with SBCJC directives:

- To write a section on institutional effectiveness
- To incorporate six themes that the Board had developed which emphasized the quality of the community/junior college system
- To bring the standards into a format that would be consistent to the Board's present operation

Dr. Roberts reported that during the time the committee had been meeting and discussing, various groups were invited to make comments and offer feedback, and the turn around time on this process required several weeks. The committee has almost completed the final draft and the Board staff is now trying to extract from the standards what are policies and what are standards.

After a discussion on some of the changes in the revised standards, the Chair requested that the committee make their presentation flagging the changes which were made from the Board's original request and approval.

E. Dr. Ray announced that he, Dr. Clyde Muse, Ms. Susan Donohue, would be on an ETV Teleconference on Wednesday, December 19.

IV. INFORMATION (continued)

- F. The EdNet report given by Mr. Paul Breazeale included the following information.

--The EdNet Board completed the RFP on November 20. (A copy of the RFP was provided to the Board).

--Alabama's public television network has asked permission to use EdNet's RFP in Alabama's development of an ITFS system.

--The RFP was released on November 21, 1990, and proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 1, 1991.

--Cost of directors' and officers' liability insurance was included in the RFP, and the recipient of the contract would be responsible for paying the insurance premium.

--The question was asked, "How close is the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges in applying for the four channels"? Mr. Breazeale stated. "The date we sign a contract with a private party the competing applications from the three foundations are going to be withdrawn, and then, we will drop in the hopper our application from this Board."

At this point in the meeting, the Chair acknowledged that action had been taken on agenda items V. A and B, and the Chair moved forward to item V (Board's meeting date).

V. ACTION

- C. Dr. Olon Ray informed the Board of Mr. Lanny Monroe's conflict in meeting on third Tuesdays. On a motion by Ms. Jeannet Boston, seconded by Jean-Marie Hill, the Board voted to return to meeting on the third Thursday effective February 1991.

It was noted that the Board would attend a legislative luncheon in Jackson on January 22, and the Chair called for a vote on meeting the fourth Tuesday or the third Tuesday. The majority voted to meet on January 22, 1991.

Mr. Tom Childs commented briefly on the charter of incorporation for the Board's nonprofit foundation. Mr. Childs recommended that the Board review and study the purpose clause of the Mississippi Junior College Economic Development Foundation, and recommended the Board develop goals and objectives which would not conflict with any existing foundation for community colleges. Dr. Ricks asked Mr. Paul Breazeale and Ms. Jeannet Boston to serve with Mr. Childs to develop recommendations for the charter of incorporation. Dr. Ricks stated that she would serve with this committee.

Dr. Olon Ray summarized the Board's action and follow-up items:

- Request an Attorney General's ruling on whether the Board can pay one-fourth of the premium for liability insurance for the EdNet Board.
- Request Phil Hardin Foundation to approve funds for a presidents' and Board retreat and also approve funds for the development of policy and information manual.
- Conduct a study of the Board's committee structure - a committee composed of Mr. Amos Bridges, Mr. Paul Breazeale, Ms. Frankie White, Dr. Barbara Ricks, and Dr. Olon Ray.
- Mr. Paul Breazeale, Ms. Jeannet Boston, Dr. Barbara Ricks, and Mr. Tom Childs will study the purpose clause of charter of incorporation of the Mississippi Junior College Economic Development Foundation.
- In addition to these items, include in the revised standards the outcomes institutional effectiveness.


At this time, copies of standardized vocational-technical curriculum were distributed.

The Chair called on Ms. Susan Donohue for comments from the Faculty Association. Ms. Donohue thanked the Board for their support and stated that all would need to lean heavily on each other since the New Year was not going to be a prosperous one.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair wished each member of the Board, the staff, and all present a very Merry Christmas.

The Chair express appreciation to Jones Junior College for giving poinsettia to the Board members.

On a motion by Mr. Amos Bridges, seconded by Mr. Paul Breazeale, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 4:20 p.m.


Barbara S. Ricks, Chair
State Board for Community
and Junior Colleges

Olon E. Ray, Executive Director